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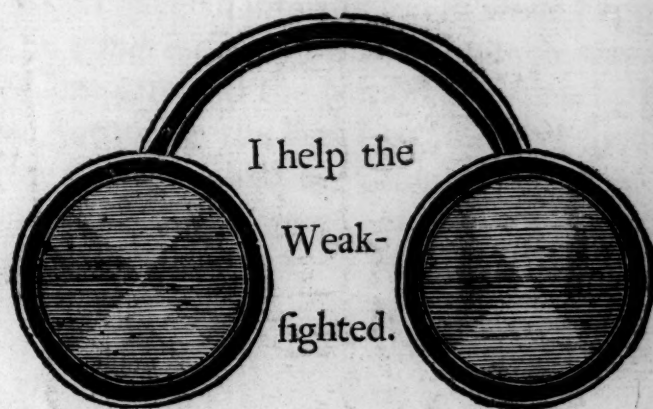
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Address'd in a
LETTER
TO THE
COURT of DIRECTORS
OF THE
SOUTH-SEA COMPANY,

In Answer to the last Paragraph of an Advertisement inserted in the *Daily-Post-Boy*, the 2d of *August*, and dated from the *South-Sea-House* the 30th of *July*.

By an ENGLISHMAN. B. J. K

If there is Danger in serving King and Country, in what Danger must Liberty and Property be?



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TO THE
COURT of DIRECTORS
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SOUTH-SEA COMPANY.

GENTLEMEN,



READING an Advertisement dated from the *South-Sea House*, relating to a Letter published in the *Daily Post Boy* on Monday the 27th of *July* last past, you seem to be a little angry with the Author of that Letter in the last Paragraph of your Advertisement, viz. *Had he thought fit to have given proper Information in a more direct Manner*: Gentlemen, it is not many Years since I gave an Information in what I apprehend you imagine in a *more direct Manner*, which was for the Good of the Company and the Nation in general; but had I done as the Author of the said Letter did, I should have served both the Company and my Country. I suppose, Gentlemen, by a *more direct Manner*, you mean a *private Manner*, in doing of which my Life was threatned privately, and I was a great Sufferer both in my Character and Trade, of which I leave you to judge when you have read the following Account of my Proceedings.

One *Joseph Belliagos*, a *Spaniard*, from *Panama* in *New-Spain*, was recommended to me to do some Work for him, which Work I undertook. In a few Days after he came to me, and made a Complaint that he was ill used where he lodg'd, but I not understanding the *Spanish* Tongue, went

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to one Mr. P—s who was my Neighbour and one of the Clerks of the *South-Sea-House*, who understood the *Spanish* Language very well, and desired he would come to my House to speak to a *Spanish* Gentleman, which he did; and afterwards went with him to his Lodgings, in order to procure Justice to the said Mr. *Belliagos*. Soon after this, Mr. *Belliagos* came and lodged at my House, and frequently went up into my Work-Shop, to see me and my Servants at Work. I did not in the least suspect he meant me any ill, but to my great Surprise I soon understood he did; for he inticed my Journey-Man to go abroad with him to *Spain*, and likewise the Apprentice of the Person who recommended him to me. The next unjust Thing he was guilty of, was debauching my Maid; and when I turn'd her away, he let her in again unknown to any of my Family, and concealed her three Days in his Room, and brought her Victuals in his Pocket; and while his Bed was making, she was always locked up in the Closet. After this he took Lodgings for her at *Hoxdon*, where she acted as an Agent for him, to enquire after poor Artificers, and to encourage them to go abroad; for which he furnished himself with Tools for several Trades; the Tools for some Trades to my knowledge were useless, had he not carried Men over along with him that knew how to Work with them.

Another of his Designs was to obtain a Draught of a Paper-Mill, in order to erect one in his own Country, for which Purpose he enticed my Journey-Man to go into the Country with him, telling him that a Sheet of Writing Paper in his Country was worth Six-pence, and that if he would go with him, they should both soon get Estates. These were Proceedings I thought detrimental to the *South-Sea-Company*, as well as to my Country; wherefore I writ a Letter and deliver'd it myself to the Servant of a *Great-Man* belonging to the *South-Sea* Company, which Letter informed him of the whole Proceedings of Mr. *Belliagos*; the Footman brought me an Answer that his Master would acquaint the Committee at the *South-Sea* House with the Information I had given him. In two or three Days afterwards he sent his Footman to my House, and I not being at Home, he left word that I must come immediately

mediately to his Master at the *South-Sea House*; when I came Home, which was about half an Hour after the Footman was gone, I only eat my Dinner, and went directly to the *Ship Tavern* in *Broad-Street*, near the *South-Sea House*, and sent the Drawer to enquire whether the Committee were sitting, and he brought me Word they were broke up, upon which I called for Pen, Ink, and Paper, and wrote a second Letter to the said Gentleman, to acquaint him that I came to attend the Committee, but was too late, by reason I had not Notice time enough. I also told him that I was informed that Mr. *Belliagos* had received very considerable Remittances to carry on his Schemes. I sent this Letter by a Porter; the next Day I was upbraided in my Neighbourhood by Mr. P—s, the S. S. Clerk, who said he had got the Letter in his Pocket that was laid before the Committee, and said I should be sent for again, and suffer for writing that Letter, which proved false.

Upon this, Mr. *Belliagos* threatned to have my Life, but I took very little Notice of his Threats, and he still kept his Lodgings at my House, because he thought his Effects safer there than at *Hoxdon*, where he generally laid a Nights with his Mistress, and to whom I was told he was married, and had made her a *Roman-Catholick*; (but I don't affirm this for Truth) however he carried her abroad with him, and Mr. P—s saw her dress'd in Man's Cloaths before she went on Board, and said she look'd very handsome.

The Tools that he bought, were pack'd up at my House in square Boxes, and then put in a Cart, which I followed at a Distance, and the Cart stop'd at the *South-Sea-House*; soon after I saw Mr. *Belliagos* and Mr. P—s, come to the Cart, and then went away; Mr. *Belliagos* paid for his Lodging: The same Day I went to Sir *Peter Delme*, then Lord Mayor, and took two Persons with me, who made Oath that Mr. *Belliagos*, had enticed them to leave their Masters, by offering them Money to go abroad with him, which is contrary to an Act of Parliament made in his late Majesty's Reign, when our Artificers were invited over to *France*, in *Mississippi* Time, and upon this Act I had a Warrant granted by the aforesaid Lord Mayor, against

Mr. *Belliagos*, but I never had the Satisfaction of seeing him after the granting of the said Warrant.

Labouring under this Misfortune of not serving the Warrant upon him, I propos'd to myself another Method, which I thought, or at least hoped, that it would not prove as successless as the former: Accordingly I wrote a Letter to a certain Great Man at *Whitehall*, acquainting him with Mr. *Belliagos's* Proceedings, in which Letter the Lord Mayor's Warrant was inclosed; but to my great Surprize I never heard any thing more of this Affair.

I am,

GENTLEMEN,

Your Humble Servant,

J. B.



POSTSCRIPT.

I Am well inform'd that Mr. P—s was sent to the Congress of *Soissons* on the Company's Affairs. Mr. *Belliagos* told me he had got leave to take fifty Men over with him, which cost him twenty Guineas; but I don't affirm it, nor believe it. I was likewise inform'd that Mr. *Belliagos* was near losing his Passage, had not Mr. P—s apply'd to a great Man in his Behalf, the Truth of which I cannot also affirm.

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The following is the Advertisement inserted in the Daily-Post-Boy the 2d of August, and which occasion'd the foregoing Letter.

South-Sea-House, July 30, 1730.

WHEREAS a Letter signed *A. B.* was publish'd in the *Daily-Post-Boy*, on Monday the 27th Instant address'd to the Court of Directors of the *South-Sea Company*, touching fundry Matters of Importance to the Proprietors: These are to give Notice, that if the Writer of the said Letter, will take the Trouble of coming to the *South-Sea House*, and make out the several Allegations contained therein; he may be assur'd of all proper Acknowledgment, from the Court of Directors; whose Readiness to hear him, and to do Right to the Company, he might have depended on, after the Justice that was experienced in the Case mentioned, in the said Letter, had he thought fit, he might have given them proper Information, in a more direct Manner.



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